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## E-Legislative Update

April 4 – 10, 2011



We are in the thirteenth week of the legislative session. You can [contact your legislator](#) making your position on a bill known. You can do so by writing a letter, sending an e-mail, calling the legislator's Olympia office, or by calling the Legislative Hotline at 1-800-562-6000.

Because the state budget is an overarching issue, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will provide updates on important milestones in budget development as well as focus on bills that impact the Asian American and Pacific Islander community in the areas of education, health care, human services, economic development, and immigration. To learn more about the current budget, you can attend the House Ways & Means and Senate Finance Committee Hearings.

The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs will be providing information weekly through our e-legislative update and website on committee hearings, bills, and other events of interest throughout the legislative session. Our e-legislative update provides a general overview highlighting a few bills of interest to the community while our website hosts a more extensive list of bills utilizing a [bill tracking](#) feature for those community members seeking more information. Highlights from the previous week can be viewed on [TVW's](#) Legislative Review.

You may also access our [policy briefing papers](#) which examine issues facing the Asian American and Pacific Islander community. This week's [featured brief](#) is on "The Costs of Impoverished Asian American & Pacific Islanders."

**Special Highlights:** Last month, the state revenue forecast came out impacting the development of the budget for the 2011-2013 cycle. The state is projected to have a deficit shortfall of approximately \$5.3 billion in the next biennium. House leaders had originally scheduled a roll out of their budget last week. Currently, legislative leaders have given no clear indication when the House and Senate will roll out their proposed state budgets. The legislative session is scheduled to end on April 24, 2011. When available, you may view the House and Senate budget proposals [here](#).

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Below are some scheduled meetings and hearings that might be of interest to you.

### Education

## **Education**

**4/7/11 8:00 am**

**House Full Committee**

**House Hearing Rm A**

**John L. O'Brien Building**

**Olympia, WA**

**Work Session:** Dropout Prevention, Intervention, & Retrieval. National Conference of State Legislatures Report: "A Pathway to Graduation for Every Child." Building Bridges Workgroup Report.

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## **Economic Development**

### **Capital Budget**

**4/5/11 8:00 am**

**House Full Committee**

**House Hearing Rm D**

**John L. O'Brien Building**

**Olympia, WA**

#### **Public Hearing:**

1. [HB 2040](#) - Providing for assistance for financing infrastructure and economic development.
2. [HB 2042](#) - Concerning preferences for in-state contractors bidding on public works. (If measure is referred to committee.)

Information is current as of: March 31, 2011.

To find out more information on a particular bill, please visit <http://www.leg.wa.gov>.

**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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